Pope, other world leaders honor Cory

By Norman Bordadora and Jerome Aning

POPE BENEDICT XVI HAILED THE LATE former President Corazon Aquino for her "courageous commitment to the freedom of the Filipino people" as he conveyed his condolences to her family.

In a telegram sent to Manila Archbishop Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales, the Vatican secretary of state, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone, said the Pope was "deeply saddened" to learn of Aquino's death.

Her family said in a statement that she [illegible]

POPE A13

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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

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Aug. 5 burial day declared special holiday

By Christian V. Esguerra in Manila and Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. in New York

GO AND SEE CORY FOR THE LAST TIME on Wednesday.

Malacañang has declared the funeral of Corazon Aquino on Wednesday a special nonworking holiday to allow more Filipinos to pay their last respects to the country's democracy icon, who died on Saturday.

AUG. 5 BURIAL A21

Rich, poor come for Cory



FOR LOVE OF CORY Thousands of mourners pay their respects to the late former President Corazon Aquino during her wake at the La Salle Green Hills gymnasium in Mandaluyong City.

Mourners brave heat, rain for brief glimpse

By Nikko Dizon and DJ Yap

IN SCENES REMINISCENT OF THE MASSIVE mourning for her murdered husband, thousands of people yesterday came to grieve for Cory Aquino. Some came on foot, others in diplomatic cars. Some were from the affluent class, but many were poor. Most quietly filed past her flag-draped coffin, others openly wept.

As they came for Cory 23 years ago to answer the call for people power against a dictator, so they came again yesterday to be by her side. But this time, they came to bid her farewell.

One of the mourners, [illegible], 59, who described herself as a small businesswoman from Quezon City, burst into hysterics.

"Why did it have to be Cory?" she shouted, weeping. "There are so many other presidents who are liars and thieves, but why did it have to be you?"

The scene occurred at the La Salle Green Hills gymnasium where the woman who led the 1986 Edsa People Power Revolution that restored democracy in the Philippines lay in state, looking serene in a glittering yellow dress, a purple rosary with hints of gold entwined around her hands.

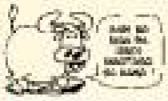
Many in the long line of mourners that stretched all the way to Edsa braved heat and intermittent rain and queued for hours—some as early as 5 a.m.—just to have a few seconds' glimpse of the woman they simply call "Cory" before her funeral on Wednesday.

Most of the mourners wore yellow, while others came in black.

One man in crutches did not mind struggling up the ascending pathway leading up to the gym, and huffed with every step.

Another mourner, a woman, said she was willing to wait until she got her turn to see [illegible]

RICH, POOR A21



She was a gutsy lady, says former chief bodyguard

THE CHIEF BODYGUARD OF former President Corazon C. Aquino yesterday recounted how she calmly combed her hair as rockets and bombs rained down on Malacañang 22 years ago.

[illegible], then a colonel and head of the Presidential Security Group, said he [illegible]

SHE WAS A6

Citizen Cory Aquino crosses over into history

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

CITIZEN CORY AQUINO crossed over into the realm of history quietly in the early hours of Saturday. Her son, Sen. Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino III, announced that his mother died "peacefully" after enduring 16 months of excruciating pain from colon cancer with great dignity.

The Aquino family declined a Malacañang offer of a state funeral. Noynoy Aquino said it was his mother's wish to have a private funeral, adding that she had been a "private citizen since stepping down" from power in 1992.

She died power clearly, without any second thoughts of remaining in office any second longer than her constitutional term. The manner in which she died sent the message: "My time is up ... It's time to go quietly."

That has not been the case with some of Cory's successors who have schemed for ways to extend their constitutional term limits.

CITIZEN A22



QUEUEING UP Mourners patiently wait for their turn to view the remains of Cory Aquino in a long line that stretches from Ortigas Avenue outside the school.

This time, a solemn Aquino burial

By Michael Lim Ubac and Nikko Dizon

SEPARATED BY NEARLY THREE decades, Wednesday's funeral of former President Corazon Aquino and that of her assassinated husband, former Sen. Benigno Aquino Jr., will be sharply different.

Ninoy Aquino's burial in 1983 was on many people's minds yesterday as they grieved over the death of his widow, while noting the differences and similarities between the two events.

Family friends said the long-ago funeral was fiery, occurring in the midst of protests and hatred at Ferdinand Marcos' dictatorship.

In contrast, Wednesday's funeral will likely be solemn and marked with love, they said.

THIS TIME A6

Kris explains rejection of Palace offer

By Fe Zamora and Marinel Cruz

THE FAMILY OF FORMER PRESIDENT Corazon Aquino had decided against a state funeral for her because of their differences with the Arroyo administration, her youngest daughter said yesterday.

Television host Kris Aquino said Malacañang had offered to give her mother a state funeral befitting the former President, but her siblings [illegible]

KRIS EXPLAINS A6

WEATHER FORECAST

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Palace calls for end to Cha-cha

To show respect for Cory Aquino; Locsin proposal described as valid

By Christian V. Esguerra

OUT OF RESPECT FOR FORMER PRESIDENT Corazon Aquino, Malacañang yesterday urged its allies in Congress to abandon their efforts to amend the Constitution, a move seen by critics as a way of prolonging the Arroyo administration.

Acting Executive Secretary Gabriel Claudio described as "valid" the proposal first made by Makati Rep. Teodoro "Teddy Boy" Locsin Jr.

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Senate to honor Cory

[illegible]

'RP designation no compliment'

By Christine O. Avendaño

[illegible]





Coca-Cola to invest $1B in RP, says Ermita

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

RP to show US its inroads vs corruption

Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

Crackdown urged on organ traders

Philip C. Tubeza

Flu victim's remains home today

[illegible]

Corrections


10 years ago, sanofi-aventis, a leader in cardiovascular disease management, launched clopidogrel, a pioneering anti-platelet drug. Clopidogrel has become the global standard of care in managing heart attack and stroke.
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Coup leaders admire Aquino's bravery

By Jocelyn R. Uy



PRESIDENT Corazon Aquino executes a salute during graduation rites at the Philippine Military Academy in Baguio City in this file photo taken in 1986.

Expressions of gratitude

Young Officers Union

'She was a gutsy lady'

Tribute from Sison

BI loosens visa rules for Sinos

FIGHT DIABETES... THE NATURAL WAY!





THE DAILY GOSPEL

This time, a solemn Aquino burial

Route to Manila Cathedral



Kris explains rejection

Why now?

Imelda's call

Cory, a simple woman

No luxuries

Still wrapped in plastic

How Cory Aquino made a cameraman feel he mattered

Satur recalls Cory's visit, vow to political prisoners

Full amnesty

Cory's rosary, and why she died on Saturday

3 lessons for conversion

Speculation about Mary

Proven piety

SMUGGLING CASE

Politician, media men investigated

By Marlon Ramos

A POLITICIAN AND SEVERAL members of the media are now the subject of an investigation by the Bureau of Customs for reportedly coddling a suspected big-time smuggler.

Horacio Suansing Jr., deputy customs commissioner for enforcement, yesterday said he was preparing criminal cases against the group if the evidence so warranted.

The ranking customs official accused the group of conducting black propaganda against him after his enforcement unit recently intercepted P40 million worth of contraband consisting of Peking duck, beef and onions.

Suansing said the owner of the seized contraband, who allegedly tried to bring in the shipment without paying the necessary import taxes, was "under the protection of a politician and several newspaper columnists."

The shipment contained in four containers was the subject of a seizure and forfeiture warrant issued by the Bureau of Customs on July 30.

Suansing, who was promoted to his post this year after being named "Bureau of Customs Collector of the Year" in 2008, declined to divulge the names of the politician and media men, saying his agency was still gathering evidence against them.

"We are going to reveal their identities once we have completed our investigation and have gathered sufficient evidence to file criminal cases against them," he said in an e-mailed statement to the Inquirer.

"We are not going to be intimidated by the black propaganda against us being spread by this cabal," he added.

As part of the antismuggling campaign, Suansing said his enforcement unit recently seized a smuggled sea vessel—the Tian Sheng 198—that was docked at a wharf in [illegible].

The sea vessel worth an estimated P[illegible] million would be offered in a public auction, he said.

Suansing, the former district collector of the Port of Manila, said his unit had also seized two 40-foot steel containers loaded with some P[illegible] million worth of cars at Manila's South Harbor.

Automation deal broke law, says IT group













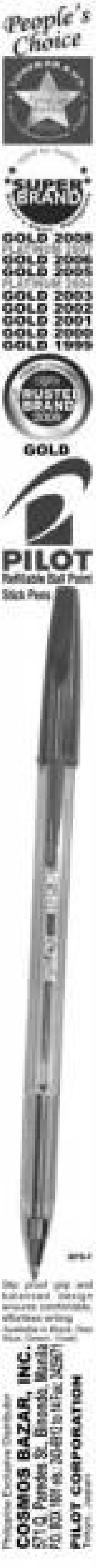












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OPINION

What we lost

EDITORIAL



Joan of Arc and Mother Teresa combined

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

In lieu of flowers

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

Appointing a Supreme Court justice

SOUNDING BOARD

Fr. Joaquin G. Bernas, S.J.



Credit card holders cry out for reforms

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan



'Because she is good'

KRIS-CROSSING MINDANAO

Noralyn Mustafa



Nothing greater than the people themselves

THE LONG VIEW

Manuel L. Quezon III



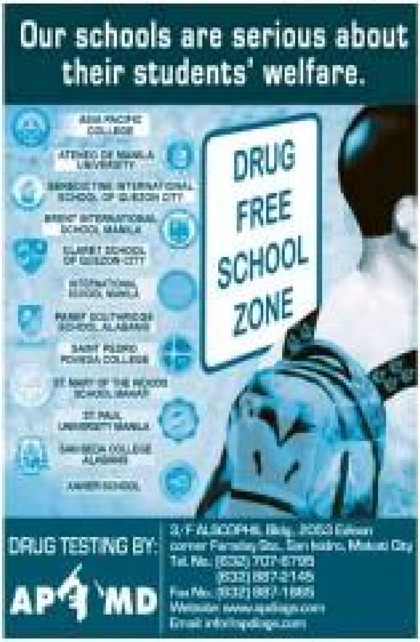
Heart and soul of a people

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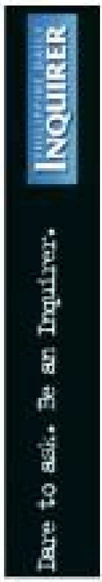


RP should take pride in Arroyo-Obama meeting

Laiban Dam project—why not let MWSS do it?







Across the Nation

Book of condolences, Masses for Cory

BACOLOD CITY—NEGRENSES who are unable to go to the wake of former President Cory Aquino in Manila now have a way of expressing their grief and condolences.

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Suspect in killing of Quezon ex-mayor nabbed

[illegible]



COTABATO FLASH FLOOD

Benguet town to become model for pesticide container retrieval

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PLEASE PASS THE LPG BILL

House Bill No. 5942, An Act Establishing the Regulatory Framework for the Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) and Related Industries, Defining and Penalizing Certain Prohibited Acts Involving LPG and for Other Purposes



THE LPG ACT OF 2009: IT'S ALL ABOUT ...

PROTECTING CONSUMERS:

We must put an end to the large-scale cheating, abuse and exploitation of consumers.

In the absence of a strict regulatory framework since 1997, unscrupulous industry players who account for a big share of the LPG market have been tampering with LPG products and under-refilling tanks without fear of prosecution. Everyday, unwary consumers all over the country are cheated by unscrupulous refillers and retailers by selling them under-filled LPG tanks. Billions are lost annually to these vultures.

PROTECTING LIVES, HOMES AND COMMUNITIES:

We must protect our families, homes, property and communities from the threat of fires caused by unsafe and illegal LPG gas cylinders.

From 2001 to 2004 alone, 900 fires were traced to exploding gas tanks, and scores of lives have been lost due to dilapidated gas tanks, tampered LPG products, bogus seals and improperly filled cylinders.

STOPPING SMUGGLING OF JUNK GAS TANKS AND SAVING THE LPG CYLINDER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY FROM COLLAPSE:

Government should act swiftly and decisively to stop the unbridled smuggling of junk LPG cylinders from other countries and, in the process, protect the billion-peso domestic LPG cylinder manufacturing industry from imminent collapse.

Government has lost billions of pesos in taxes from the illegal importation of these LPG cylinders junked in other countries as scrap and reused locally by dishonest dealers and their retailers.

As a result, 10 legitimate manufacturers of LPG cylinders have shut down, leading to the loss of government revenue and the loss of thousands of jobs.

CURBING TAX EVASION AND RAISING GOVERNMENT REVENUE:

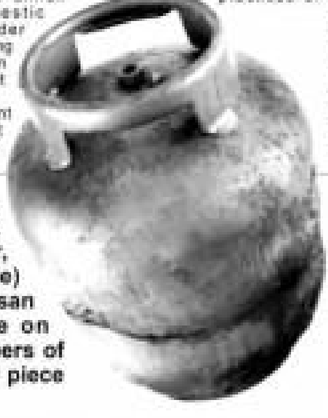
Government must plug the huge tax leakage amounting to millions of pesos annually resulting from illegal and questionable practices of unscrupulous elements in the LPG industry.

THE IMPERATIVES OF THE LPG LAW

The existing laws on consumer protection and unfair trade practices are insufficient to stop illegal activities and malpractices that are wrecking the LPG industry and posing real threats to the lives and property of consumers, communities and businesses.

We need a law that imposes strict protective measures and the stiff penalties to stop unscrupulous elements in the LPG industry from continuing with their illegal and questionable trade practices because they can afford the puny fines that existing laws impose on such crimes and abuses.

We urgently need the LPG Law to give teeth to law enforcers to stop the merchants of conflagration and death.



We urgently call on Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile, Senator Mar Roxas (Chair, Senate Committee on Trade) and Senator Gregorio Honasan (Chair, Senate Committee on Energy) and all other members of the Senate to pass this vital piece of legislation.

THE LPG ACT OF 2009: PROTECTION FOR THE FILIPINO CONSUMER, COMMUNITY, BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY.

Turnover of antiinsurgency task to LGU hailed, hit

NEWSBRIEFS

Boy freed in Basilan

2 miners found dead

13 years for shabu

'Cosmetic surgeon' held



Cory, Ninoy together in museum in life, death

Gamble

Trade fair in Bohol exceeds target, earns P38M



Embassies to open books of condolences

Rich, poor come for Cory



CORY WAKE Former President Joseph Estrada, his wife former Sen. Loi Ejercito, and his son Sen. Jinggoy Estrada, pay their respects to the late former President Corazon Aquino at the La Salle Green Hills gymnasium.

Filipino is worth living for

Mama Mary's way

Malaysian friend

Family spirits lifted

Next-generation activist



BUSINESS AS USUAL Outside the La Salle Green Hills where former President Corazon Aquino's body lies in state, it's business as usual for hawkers selling Cory pins and t-shirts.



FIGHT GOES ON Cory Aquino supporters flash the "Laban" sign outside the school's gymnasium while lining up to view the remains of the former president.



MOURNING FROM HK A woman signs a book of condolences for the late former Philippine President Corazon Aquino at the Philippine consulate in Hong Kong.

Aug. 5 burial day declared special holiday

Against Charter change

Chartered flight

Awkwardness, feeling of grief

Private wake, funeral

Debt of gratitude

Citizen Cory Aquino crosses over into history

Full of ironies

Greatest legacy

Club Filipino or Camp Crame

Supremacy of civilian rule

Intuitive political instincts

Clear-sighted

Pope, other world leaders honor Cory

Outpouring of grace

UN secretary general



Interest in televised revolution revived

Satellite dishes

Fatal mistake

Template of emerging daughter

Democratic fever

HONORS ROLL: Alive in hearts, minds

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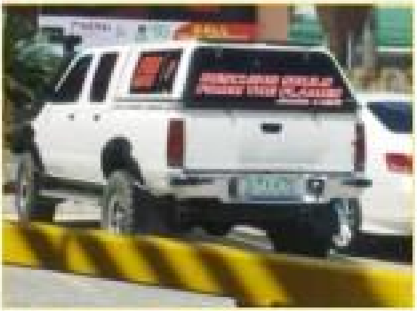
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DID YOU KNOW

THE REMAINS of former President Manuel L. Quezon, who passed away on Aug. 1, 1944, were first interred at the North Cemetery and were transferred in 1979 to the Quezon Memorial in the city named after him.
—Cyril L. Bonabente, Inquirer Research



SALVATION ON WHEELS!
Spotted recently in Makati: A pickup truck with the message, "Rescuing souls from the flames," written on the back of the vehicle.

MMDA to LGUs: Clear waterways

Informal settlers blamed for flooding, wall collapse

By Allison W. Lopez

THE METROPOLITAN MANILA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (MMDA) yesterday reiterated its call for local governments to clear the waterways in their areas of informal settlers.

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Bigger capacity

[illegible]

Armed men kill teenager working in vulcanizing shop

By Jeannette I. Andrade

A GROUP OF MEN SHOT AND KILLED A teenager working in a vulcanizing shop in Manila before dawn yesterday.

[illegible]



DANGEROUS SHORTCUT

Cops kill suspected 2 car thieves; 2 others escape

By Nancy C. Carvajal

Citizen's call

Wanted: Bright lights

Some consideration, please

Chaotic, filthy streets

Snail-paced road project

Heavy traffic on Commonwealth

SSS office always out of forms

Reply from Maynilad

Bus collectors or goons?

Vendor takes over shed

Expensive skyway

Counterflow legal on highway!



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW
A shot taken from the air of the Payatas garbage dump in Quezon City shows scavengers at work.

Stench leads to body's discovery

By Jeannette I. Andrade

3 Chinese men nabbed for drugs

By Tina G. Santos



BUSINESS AS USUAL



UK solons: Afghan mission failed to reach goals



AFGHAN boys watch a passing US soldiers making a patrol ... stone wall in the lower Korangal Valley in Afghanistan's Kunar Province on August 1.

Muslims burn Christian homes in Pakistan

Ousted Zelaya threatens 'generalized violence'



ZELAYA at a temporary shelter in Ocotal City on Aug. 1.

Trader's $100-M bonus a quandary for US regulator

Wife: NY man wanted in Bhopal gas leak 'haunted'



ANDERSON in a photo taken on Dec. 10, 1984.

WorldBriefs

Russia accuses Georgia of raising tension

Over 600 dead in Nigeria clashes, police say

Mystery ailment hits France's oyster industry

Plane with 16 people missing in Papua

The WORLD

US fears risks to civilians in cyberwar

Worries of a cyberattack creating global financial havoc at heart of debate

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE MOST FAR-REACHING CASE OF computer sabotage in history. In 2003, the Pentagon and American intelligence agencies made plans for a cyberattack to freeze billions of dollars in the bank accounts of Saddam Hussein and cripple his government's financial system before the United States invaded Iraq. He would have no money for war supplies. No money to pay troops.

"We knew we could pull it off—we had the tools," said one senior official who worked at the Pentagon when the highly classified plan was developed.

But the attack never got the green light. Bush administration officials worried that the effects would not be limited to Iraq but instead create worldwide financial havoc.

Fears of such collateral damage are at the heart of the debate as the Obama administration and its Pentagon leadership struggle to develop rules and tactics for carrying out attacks in cyberspace.

While the Bush administration seriously studied computer-network attacks, the Obama administration is the first to elevate cybersecurity to the level of a White House director, whose appointment is expected in coming weeks.

In interviews over recent weeks, a number of current and retired White House officials, Pentagon civilians and military officers, speaking on condition of anonymity, disclosed details of classified missions.

Although the digital attack on Iraq's financial system was not carried out, the American military and its partners in the intelligence agencies did receive approval to paralyze Iraq's military and government communications systems in the early hours of the war in 2003. And that attack did produce collateral damage.

Besides blowing up cell-phone towers and communications grids, the offensive included electronic jamming and digital attacks against Iraq's telephone networks. American officials also contacted international communications companies that provided satellite phone and cell-phone coverage to Iraq to alert them to possible jamming and ask their assistance in turning off certain channels.

Officials now acknowledge that the communications offensive temporarily disrupted telephone service in countries around Iraq that shared its cell-phone and satellite telephone systems. That limited damage was deemed acceptable by the Bush administration.

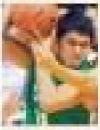
Some military strategists argue that such hesitation has led to excess caution on the part of Pentagon planners.

"Policymakers are tremendously sensitive to collateral damage by virtual weapons, but not nearly sensitive enough to damage by 'kinetic'—conventional—'weapons,'" said John Arquilla, an expert in military strategy at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif. "The cyberwarriors are held back by extremely restrictive rules of engagement." NYT



Above are the judges of the Interior Design Competition held recently at Wilcon Libis. (from left) Kohler Commercial Director Adam Quain; PSID VP - Internal Jin Kazuaki; PSID President Arch. Anton De Guzman; PSID VP External Belen Morey; Actress & Former Beauty Queen Evangeline Pascual; Wilcon EVP-COO Rosemarie Bosch Ong; Fashion Icon Cesar Gaupo; HTP Architectural Network's Arch. Mike Pena.





WHAT'S INSIDE

■ La Salle, UE score double OT thrillers

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SPORTS





Whoppers bag Aguilar; Maierhofer to P'foods



Juvic ties for 5th; Jay falters

SBP wants to host 2 big tilts

La Salle, UE seize double OT victories



NC leaders Bombers, Stags part ways today

STI Olympians bring down Informatics

SPORTSWATCH

RP's SEA Games readiness up in today's PSA Forum

'Rambulan' Round 4 at SJC

Tarcelo, Carreon top Milo La Union legs



4-way Shell chess lead in Naga

Southville Looney Tunes race on

A run and a walk for Tita Cory

ONE GAME AT A TIME



Sev Sarmenta

Tiger on top in Buick golf



TIGER Woods reacts after sinking his putt on the 17th.

LOOK WHO'S TALKING NOW

Phelps silences cocky Cavic



MICHAEL Phelps celebrates after beating rival Milorad Cavic (below). Phelps: "You're the man."

TRS-Ford bucks odds, tops GT tilt



JP Rances big winner in the GT 200 race.

Impossible basketball dream

CLEAN LIVING



Manolo R. Iñigo

Make reading a habit

SPORTS

Lyceum, Angelicum fives in big debut



Luat vs unknown for Villar title

Forest Hills grabs FedLeague lead

BUSINESS

PNOC unit eyes 300-MW power plant

Project to use excess Malampaya natural gas

PNOC-EXPLORATION CORP. PLANS TO PUT UP A 300-megawatt natural gas power plant that will make use of the excess capacity of Shell Petroleum Exploration's 3,800-MW Malampaya deep water gas-to-power project.

INDICATORS

CURRENCIES

BSP allays deflation fears

July inflation to hit 22-year low

By Michelle V. Remo

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Sad state of the nation

No Free Lunch

Cielito F. Habito



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Five key questions

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Real indicators

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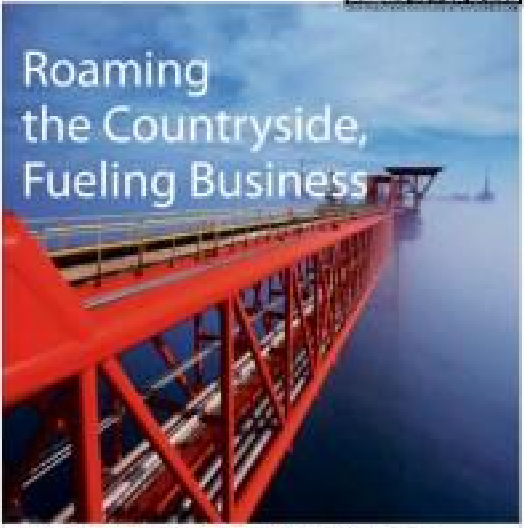
Less safe, less proud

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ADB to extend $1.5B in loans for 'clean energy'



Petron, the largest oil refining and marketing company in the Philippines, leans on PLDT for reliable connectivity, anytime, anywhere.







PSE suspends Gatchalian stockbrokerage firm

Bourse cites capital shortfall

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE has suspended local brokerage firm [illegible] Global Equities Inc. (WGEI) from the trading floor due to its shortfall in capital and net liquidity versus the minimum requirement for active trading participants.

In a memorandum, PSE vice president Joseph San Pedro said WGEI would be barred from trading stocks on the local bourse starting today until it has complied with the minimum risk-based capital adequacy ratio and net liquid capital required by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"During the period of its suspension, WGEI cannot directly or indirectly trade on the exchange. Accordingly, all trading participants should not execute or accept any transactions for and on behalf of, or otherwise, deal with WGEI during the period of its suspension," San Pedro said.

As of end-June this year, San Pedro said the risk-based capital adequacy of the brokerage house, owned by plastics king William Gatchalian, stood at 22 percent as against the minimum requirement of 110 percent. The requirement means that for every peso of risky assets, a capital of P1.10 must be put up.

San Pedro noted that WGEI's net liquid capital showed a negative P1.27 million versus the minimum requirement of a positive P5 million. This suggested a net liquid capital deficiency of P6.27 million.

The PSE strictly monitors the capitalization of trading participants to prevent failures and protect the investing public, especially in the aftermath of the [illegible] Securities scandal.

[illegible] Securities was expelled from the PSE because of trading irregularities. The PSE then took control of the trading [illegible]

First Pac keen on Manila Mining

FIRST PACIFIC CO. Ltd. of Hong Kong is considering to invest not just in Lepanto Consolidated Mining Co. but also in the Surigao del Norte mining operations of the latter's affiliate Manila Mining Corp.

Already the single biggest stockholder in the country's biggest mining firm Philex Mining Corp., First Pacific is looking at the entire spectrum of the local mining group's assets, First Pacific executive chair Manuel V. Pangilinan told reporters on Friday.

"We just have to wait for the result of the due diligence because it has many components—Lepanto itself as a company, Manila Mining, which has [operations] in Surigao beside [Philex Mining's] Boyongan [mine]," Pangilinan said at the sidelines of Metro Pacific Tollways Corp.'s annual stockholders' meeting.

Asked what it was about businessman Felipe Yap's mining business that has sparked interest, Pangilinan said: "If you put your Philex hat on, it's the Manila Mining [mine] in Surigao beside the Boyongan resources of Philex, so we'll be interested to explore [illegible]."

"There are many options. We can invest in Lepanto or just the mine in Surigao," he said. Pangilinan also mentioned Lepanto's subsidiary, Far Southeast Gold Resources Inc.

Asked how big a stake the First Pacific group would like to acquire, Pangilinan [illegible]

FIRST PAC, B5

Philippine Stock Exchange

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BALANCE SHEET

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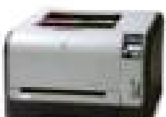




Printer packed with treats



High impact printing



PC for the masses



Ahead of the flat TV pack



Heavy Internet users are big spenders, investors

Personal computers, smartphones top list of purchases

By Abigail L. Ho

HEAVY INTERNET USERS ARE ALSO BIG spenders, as most of them are more likely to buy high-tech gadgets and vehicles, as well as invest in financial instruments, than their non-Internet savvy counterparts.

According to the latest Media Atlas of global market research firm Synovate, the most popular purchases of heavy Internet users are handheld personal computers and smartphones, with 412 and 329 respondents, respectively, saying they own these items.

These numbers compare with only 28 for handheld PCs and 37 for smartphones or hybrid mobile phones for the non-Internet user group.

Survey respondents for the heavy Internet user category totaled 1,147 out of a total universe of 3,858 million, while those for the non-Internet user group numbered 4,846 out of a total universe of 8,052 million.

Many of the heavy Internet users surveyed said they were also inclined to invest in unit trusts (31%), as well as equities and shares (29%).

Only 32 and 41, respectively, of those in the non-Internet user group said they invested in such instruments.

Other popular buys for heavy Internet users included vans and multipurpose vehicles (27%), laptops or notebook PCs (27%), sport utility vehicles (22%), digital video cameras and recorders (24%), desktop PCs (34%) and sedans (34%).

In comparison, only 59 of those in the non-Internet user category said they bought vans or MPVs, while 58 and 50 said they bought sedans or family cars and sport utility vehicles, respectively.

Fewer non-Internet users—or 52, 51 and 50, respectively—said they bought digital video cameras, desktop PCs and laptops or notebooks.

Overall, the Synovate Media Atlas showed that despite the economic downturn, both heavy Internet users and non-Internet users were still shopping.

According to the survey, 63 percent of those polled named shopping as one of the leisure activities that they still did.

Supermarkets and pharmacies or drugstores were the top shopping haunts of the survey respondents, at 80 percent and 76 percent, respectively.

Department stores as malls followed at 75 percent, fast-food outlets at 68 percent and convenience stores at 64 percent.

ICTSI unit finds way to keep tabs on ships

By Miko Morales

A POLISH UNIT OF PORT MANAGER International Container Terminal Services Inc. has released an online system allowing shippers to keep tabs on containers and ship schedules.

The website of Baltic Container Terminal (BCT) now offers the service Container Tracking and Sailing Schedule "for customers for easy viewing and tracking of their containers in Gdynia, Poland," ICTSI said in a statement.

Container Tracking allows users to check the real-time status of their containers at BCT in a few clicks.

By keying in the container number, the program would display the live information of the customer's container, its mode of access, exit from the terminal and time of the operation.

Sailing Schedule, meanwhile, enables customers to look at the scheduled arrival of a ship at BCT, tracking vessels handled at the wharf.

Customers need not subscribe to use the systems, ICTSI said. Both could be accessed at BCT's website at http://www.bct.gdynia.pl.

BCT is a subsidiary of ICTSI, a leading port management company involved in the operations and development of 19 maritime terminals and port projects in 11 countries.



Gov't Q3 spending program to exceed revenue by ₱62.4B

Focus on fast-moving projects



PRICES REMAIN STABLE

DA moves to collect ₱2.5B in unpaid Acef loans

Medusa Mining announces expansion plans

Partner tapped for RLC Tarlac residential venture

Exports to Japan plunge by 36%

Insurers focus on core business as clients turn cautious

PNOC unit eyes 300-MW power plant

BSP allays ...

PSE suspends Gatchalian...

First Pac keen on Manila Mining

RP needs to strengthen human resource, exec says

Too few scientists seen to graduate each year

By Abigail L. Ho

BSP says bank loans will continue to rise

BUSINESS

Gov't to go easy on sale of assets

In 2010, officials eye smaller pieces of property that may be easily sold

By Ronnel W. Domingo

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Asians urged to trade more among themselves

By Michelle V. Remo

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Riding the 'Next Wave'

Alternate sites for BPO companies emerging

By Abigail L. Ho

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Role of China in the post-crisis global economy

MAPping THE FUTURE



Hu Jianchao

Timely adjustment

Head-on collision

Active role

Temporary difficulties

Riding the 'Next Wave'

The next frontier

Infrastructure haven

Growth potential

New list

'University of Banking' graduates set reunion

Citibankers mark Buenaventura's birthday

By Daxim L. Lucas



AURELIO Montinola III, BPI president



HANS Sicat, PSE chair



DANILO Ignacio, Elan Properties CEO



GERRY Ablaza, Ayala Corp.

BEST OF BOTH WORLDS IN broadband

As dial-up becomes increasingly out of date, more Filipinos are savoring the benefits of broadband especially now that SMS or text messaging and "Pasaload" can be done on the PC or laptop – courtesy of SMART Bro.

THIS MEANS MORE STUDENTS, HOUSEWIVES AND professionals who are constantly wired to their computers need not leave the comforts of their keypads just to be able to send a text message or pass on load to a friend or relative.

With SMART Bro's latest offerings, the growing number of postpaid and prepaid subscribers now discovering the wonders of mobile Internet technology can have the best of both worlds.

"Now the Filipinos' mobile and PC lifestyle is complete because the convenience and facility that both cellphones and computers provide are available right at their fingertips," says SMART Marketing Group Head Annie P. Naval.

She points out that this big broadband benefit is made possible by SMART's network coverage which is the most extensive in the country as well as its cutting-edge High-Speed Packet Access (HSPA) wireless technology that is capable of up to 3.6 megabytes per second (mbps).



SMART Communications, Inc., the leading provider of wireless services in the Philippines, recently included the award-winning SMARTLoad and short messaging services to its SMART Bro offerings.

With "Pasaload" made possible in a PC or laptop, there is utmost convenience because subscribers may now reload their SMART Bro accounts at their own convenient time. By making "Pasaload" available to them, they have the freedom and flexibility of managing their SMART GSM credits (if prepaid) or SMART Gold plans (if postpaid) for their broadband needs.

Using their mobile phones, subscribers just need to text their SMART Bro number (space) Pasaload amount and send to 808. With this benefit, SMART Buddy and Talk 'N Text subscribers can easily transfer their load to their SMART Bro account just by texting.

SMART Gold subscribers with SMART Bro Plug It can have a hybrid prepaid SMART Bro account by easily doing "Pasaload" increments to their SMART Bro account.

Now, subscribers can load their SMART Bro Plug It anytime anywhere.



Annie P. Naval
SMART Marketing Group Head

SMART Load – as it is otherwise known – was recognized with the Best Mobile Service for the Consumer Market award in 2004 by the prestigious GSM Association in Cannes, France.

Ease of load selling was the primary benefit that this service provided both consumers and retailers. It was launched to cater to subscribers who needed emergency load from relatives and friends – a special need that catered to majority of prepaid users.

SMS facility in SMART Bro, on the other hand, brings the PC chat experience to the normal texting lifestyle. With the convenience of keyboard typing and continuous messaging (SMART Bro PC clients can type 160 characters per message), subscribers may use SMART Bro to communicate with their friends and loved ones like a regular texter.

And at a standard rate of P1 per 160 characters, text-loving Filipinos cannot ask for more. That simply means being able to send short messages to mobile friends across all networks at rates that are worth every peso spent.

Now, that is giving SMART Bro subscribers the best of mobile and computer worlds in one. From the country's wireless leader.

Teens get crisis survival lessons

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TEEN NEGOSYO advocates of the Go Negosyo program teach the youth to save money for a rainy day in this year's summit at Teachers' Camp.

...nearly, the couple returned to Metro Manila to eke out a living as line-food employees, until they decided to market her family barbecue sauce recipe, she said.

The recipe helped expand her barbecue business into a small franchise, Santiago said.

Melencio was also present as a model for successful entrepreneurs from the disabled sector.

"I was still in college [with a working wife and a child] when I decided one night to make out and buy fried rice in my neighborhood [in Metro Manila]. Someone took offense at my appearance and shot me point-blank," he said.

Melencio lost his sight because of the bullet wound.

"I went into computers because not many companies have jobs available for someone [blind or disabled] like me," he said.

He said many firms were unaware that there was a technology that would make the disabled productive in new business fields like IT management.

Abaquin, a teacher, said aspiring young entrepreneurs must be aided by free-thinking mentors. She said the public school system was too rigid and must start incorporating lessons about good business management.

MOVEMENTS

Quiogue retires from GMA Network

GMA Network announced that its Marketing and Production president, Manuel P. Quiogue, will retire at the end of the year.

Quiogue, who has been with GMA Network since 2000, is a key figure in the company's rise to the top in sales and revenues.

GMA Network chairman, president and CEO Felipe L. Gozon acknowledged Quiogue's valuable contributions to the company's growth.

Quiogue's successful sales and marketing career includes working in all three legs of advertising—agency side, client side and media.

Among others, he worked for Carnation, J. Walter Thompson, Unilever, Lintas, Coca Cola and ABS-CBN prior to joining GMA Network. Quiogue was also the president of PANA in 1992, and became the chair of the Advertising Board of the Philippines the following year.

Arranza new CEO of CIIF-Oil Mills

JESUS L. ARRANZA, president of the Federation of Philippine Industries and a director of the Philippine Coconut Authority, has been named the new president and CEO of sequestered CIIF-Oil Mills Group.

Arranza said in a statement that he wanted to steer the company toward the production of high value coconut products, both in food like specialty fats and oils and industrial products.

The directors of the six oil mills under the CIIF Group, which form a unified board, unanimously elected Arranza to his post in CIIF during a special board meeting last month.

Arranza has been in the coconut industry for over four decades. He worked for the company producing Baguio Oil in the 1960s, then transferred to Minola in the 1980s and made the brand the No. 1 cooking oil in the market.

BUSINESS Monday



BANCO Filipino president ... shares tips on how the youth can put their financial house in order during the Go Negosyo teen summit.

Teens get crisis survival lessons

By Vincent Cabreza
Inquirer Northern Luzon

BAGUIO CITY—THE BEST of the country may have been occupied by President Macapagal-Arroyo's take on the economic crisis in her State of the Nation Address last week.

But what really interested about 1,000 students at an annual youth summit at the Teachers' Camp here on the same day were tips on how to survive the global economic crisis.

For this year's Go Negosyo youth summit, Ramon Lopez, vice president of RFM Corp., led a panel of businessmen whose enterprises either bounced back from a crisis or thrived despite it.

Marc Melencio, a blind information technology (IT) expert; Michelle Santiago, owner of Tocino's Special BBQ franchise; and Joy Marquis, who founded the Multiple Intelligence International School, all had a simple message to the students: Persevere.

Melencio operates the online consultancy firm, Corporate Business Management, which was formed as demand for the impact of the United States recession hit the country.

But Melencio said he was able to retain his people when demand for his firm's services increased due to retrenched workers who decided to set up their own businesses using their retirement or separation pay.

Lopez urged the aspiring entrepreneurs to innovate.

He said too many businesses start by imitating enterprises that clicked, in an emerging environment of extreme competition.

Lopez said youth starting any business must study the potential customers.

He said the company that started investing in skin whiteners stumbled on the idea by studying what typical Filipinos want.

"Apparently many want to [have a fair complexion]. I don't understand why, but [skin whitening creams] is a hit," he said.

Santiago said people are never too young to start a business.

To earn her daily allowance, Santiago said she sold sandwiches to her classmates. "I fixed up the [egg] spread myself," she said.

Santiago's role in the summit was to talk about enduring business failures.

She said her first venture into longan (achiote) production was spoiled by a con man, whose activities cost her and her husband their life savings.

"I met this man who claimed to be the son of [the late Pres. dent Ferdinand] Marcos at our wedding. When we moved to Pangasinan, he asked my husband to guarantee a loan he made. Then he disappeared and we were forced to pay millions [of pesos]," Santiago told the students.

Starting literally from

TEENS B2-5

LIFESTYLE Arts&Books





'Dagdag-bawas' in the National Artist Awards

President GMA does a 'Hello Garci' again

Respecting process

Attendant controversies


Blanc et NOIR

Mixing black and white is the easiest formula for looking sophisticated and put together

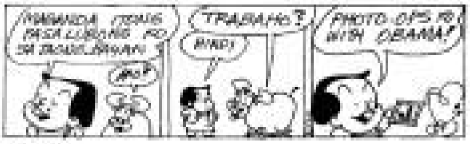
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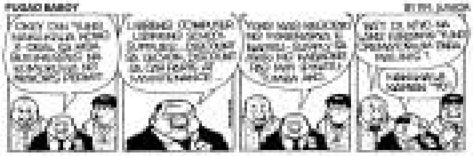
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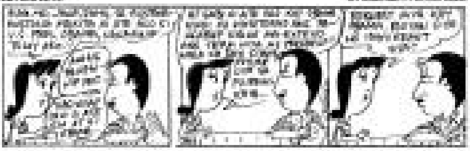
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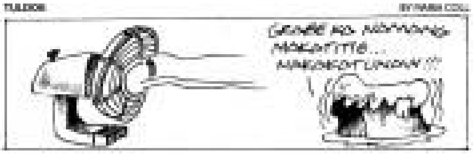
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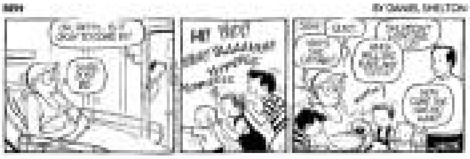
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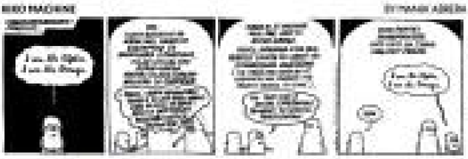


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ATOMO AND WEBBY



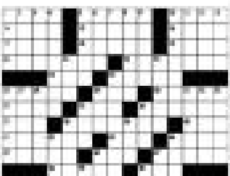


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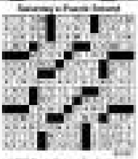
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

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Saturday's Puzzle Solved



CONCEPTS SU DOKU

Concepts Sudoku

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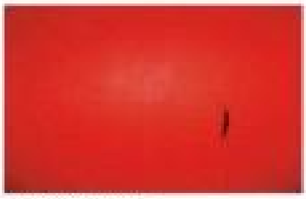
HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

Answer to previous puzzle

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7	3	8	9	6	4	1	5	2
3	6	2	8	9	1	5	7	4
1	9	4	6	5	7	2	3	8
5	8	7	4	3	2	6	1	9
9	4	6	7	2	5	3	8	1
2	5	1	3	8	9	7	4	6
8	7	3	1	4	6	9	2	5







POTTERY by Ugu Bigyan

GSIS Museum to feature 17 contemporary Quezon artists





Women's season at Tanghalang Pilipino

By Amadis Ma. Guerrero
Contributor



THE CAST of "Apples From the Desert/Mansanas ng Disyerto," opening Aug. 7

Dominic Rubio's Maynila

By Reuben Ramas Cañete
Contributor

NOSTALGIA HAS BECOME a magnet for many an artist viewing Manila's colonial imagery as a source of cultural diversity and a model for current aesthetic transformation. Dominic Rubio, a Paete, Laguna-based painter, is one such artist.

In his new series "Maynila" (on view at Art Center, SM Megamall, Aug. 6-18, [illegible]), Rubio's 40 paintings elicit that feeling of visual longing and comfort one also sees in novels of contemporary Asian art that revolves around the romantic story of the Oriental city: the Singapore of Somerset Maugham, or the Hong Kong and Shanghai of prewar pulp novellas.

Nineteenth-century Manila, which is far older than those cities, had its own epic chronicler in the person of no less than José Rizal, who in his two novels depicts with mindful prose the costumes, habits and mind-set of the colonial natives struggling to get by, or floundering under international trade.

This chronicle of that storied colonial city found similar expression in a more recent writer, National Artist Nick Joaquin, who wrote so much about its postwar fall as he reveled in its colonial glory days.

Rubio's own painterly interpretation, however, is based not on a photographic reproduction of imagery but in a conscious and calculated transformation of the colonial image that refuses the bonds of Western imperialism.

In other words, Rubio showcases the cultural variety and diversity of the urban denizens of "Old Asia," a catchphrase that concentrates on the strength of native life touched by colonial mores, but not subject to the servitude of its masters.

In Rubio's paintings, the mixed-blood citizens strolling about casually in the colonial landscape hold their heads high, which are literally raised on tall, stick-like necks to emphasize native pride rather than subjection.



"PROMENADE in Old Manila"





"THE FISH Peddler" and "Old Manila"

Instead of political tension, what is highlighted is the lush visuality of colonial dress manners and "people types" best described as contemporary versions of the 19th-century tipos del pais, paintings that documented the various "kinds of people" that lived in the colony and were popular collector's items among international traders of the time.

Thus, women go about dressed in the elegant and visually stunning ensemble of baro't saya, striped indigo sapa skirts, and ankle-length pleated underskirts.

The men are dressed according to their profession or social status: camisa and short cotton trousers for Chinese merchants, embroidered barongs, top hats, canes, and silk trousers for the native gobernadorcillos and hidalgos, or rolled-up camisas, trousers, and wide-brim hats for the peasants and farmers.

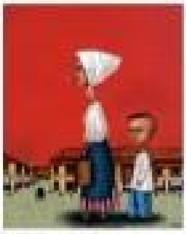
Rubio's use of these "people types" motif in his paintings is an attempt to relink the notion of national pride to its precolonial roots, while at the same time showing such an identity was not contingent on just one race or social type.

St. Dominic exhibit at UST Museum

THE UNIVERSITY OF SANTO Tomas Dominican Network youth group will mount the exhibit "Light of the Church: Following the Legacy of Saint Dominic" Aug. 4-12 at the UST Museum. For the formal opening ceremonies at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow, Fr. Quirico Pedregosa, OP, prior provincial of the Dominican Province of the Philippines, will give an inspirational message.

The exhibit will highlight a relic of St. Dominic and prints from Spain from the collections of [illegible], among others. Together with the images of St. Dominic and other Dominican saints are articles written by members of the Dominican Province such as UST Rector Fr. Rolando de la Rosa, OP; Aquinas University Rector Ramonclaro Mendez, OP; and Colegio de San Juan de Letran-Manila Rector Fr. Tamerlane Lana, OP.

"Light of the Church" is in commemoration of the Aug. 8 feast of St. Dominic de Guzman, founder of the Order of Preachers (or Dominicans).



"MOTHER and Child from the Marketplace"

ENTERTAINMENT

Editor Emmie G. Velarde

Katrina Halili's home makeover

"HOUSE, LIFE" HOST TESSA PRIETO-VALDES AND resident handyman Tonton Arellano team up for the third installment of Kapuso star Katrina Halili's home makeover tonight at 7:25 on Q Channel 11. While the garden, kitchen and dining room are redone, Tessa and Tonton doll up the living room and make sure it meets the aesthetic and functional needs of the owner.

CLICK!



Fond memories of Tita Cory

DOLLY WOOD

Dolly Anne Carvajal



IRMA ADLAWAN HAS FOND memories of the late great President Cory Aquino.

"I will never forget when she watched 'Cory: The Musical' where I portrayed her," Irma said. "She was very weak at that time, and she was supposed to stay at the box, but because she could feel the love and energy of the audience, she decided to move to the orchestra. She wasn't supposed to finish the whole play because of her condition but she stayed on and even gave a short message. She thanked me and the production for the tribute."

It's the perfect time for Irma to do a repeat of the musical, as Tita Cory gets a standing ovation [illegible] from People Power to Angel Power?

Guess list

A young actress got a set of jewelry and told the jeweler she would have it appraised before paying for it. She wore the jewels in her shows, guest appearances and movies. After several months, the jeweler demanded for the payment. But the actress returned the set instead, saying it was too expensive. Pretty bad after her unconscious display across a no show of money.

A young actress and her young actor BF were shopping in a trendy boutique. A bold, foreign couple spotted them and begged the actress for a snapshot with them. She brushed them off and just kept talking to someone on her cell phone. Her BF sensed the eagerness in the couple, so he asked the actress to give in to the request. True to her [illegible], she retorted, "Bakit hindi sila ang [illegible]?" At the rate she's going, it looks like her 'fans' days are numbered.

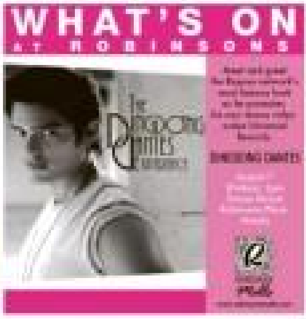
Why the delay?

Lani Mercado would rather keep quiet about Bossman Revilla's backing, but it doesn't mean she's not affected by Gossip's harsh words.

FOND, B3



IRMA Adlawan and President Cory Aquino











Happily . . .

Tripping

Fond memories . . .

Quartet







Happily, there's still America

By [illegible] Concepcion

WE WERE CURIOUS TO SEE THE BAND Ambrosia, but ended up marveling at how one other group in the show, America, has kept its music vital and refreshing.

Friday night at the Araneta Coliseum, the three artists in the lineup were all 1970s acts—way past their prime but still active in the concert scene to see that their old fans have a good time, and maybe gain new followers.

In the United States where all three bands come from, there are kids named Ambrosia because, as [illegible] Joe Ferrer told the Big Dome crowd, they were conceived while their parents were listening to the group's first big hit, the [illegible] "How Much I Feel."

Problem here

In hindsight, Ambrosia is all about baby-making music. Its other hits, "You're the Only Woman" (which opened its set) and "Biggest Part of Me," [illegible] of so how much romantic lyrics, pop hooks and catchy vocals meant to [illegible] other [illegible] played in the radio some 30 years ago.

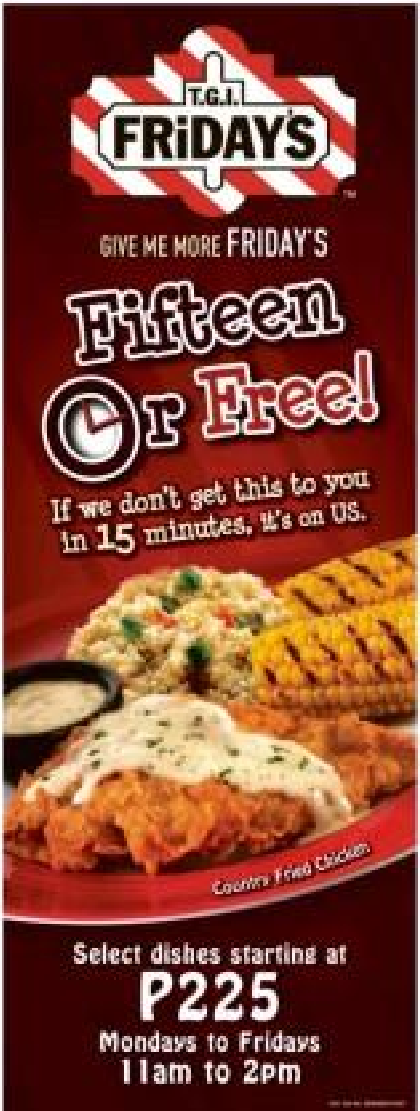
The only problem was the way Ambrosia played that night. Though we came prepared to enjoy the show, something was missing.

Things didn't get better even when John Ford Coley entered during Ambrosia's set. It was apparent that many in the audience applauded hearing "I'd Really Love To See You Tonight," "Sad To Belong" and "Tell Me You Love Me," but Coley looked lost.

That Ambrosia served as Coley's backing band only made it so glaring: Coley without England Dan was like John Oates without Daryl Hall.

Fortunately, there was America. People

HAPPY / D5





Chocolate math: Solution in Eureka! / E3

Campus journalism: pilot public schools / E4

LEARNING

What I've learned

There's life beyond politics



Ramon Magsaysay Jr.

Since retiring from public service in 2006, I have rediscovered the joy in private life—more flexible schedules, fewer meetings, no hearings, no political talks, no networking, no invitations from all over. In other words, less stress, more time for family and friends, and more options for what to do with the rest of your productive life.

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Lessons from dad

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Keep it simple

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Browse, read and listen

[illegible]

Doing business

[illegible]

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DAY AT THE MUSEUM [illegible]

Who will represent RP at int'l biotech meet?

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Five-step plan on how to avert teacher burnout

My Teacher, My Hero

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Causes of stress

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Major components

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Playgrounds for the MIND

Member Schools

Elizabeth Seton School launches Dugtong Buhay 2009

SBC recognizes non-academic personnel



METROBANK FOUNDATION RENEWS PARTNERSHIP WITH UP DILIMAN

Informatics hosts drug awareness symposium

CEU Social Work student tops licensure exam

TIP WOODPUSHERS BAG 4 GOLDS IN NCAA TOURNAMENT



PNU inks partnership with Korean university



CDC-CP PARTNERS WITH FEATI UNIVERSITY

PWU Social Worker graduate stands out

Sen. Gordon graces LPU Batangas' Freshmen Day 2009

DLSU-D SIFE introduces economical alternative flooring mix

UAAP Season 72 welcomes the Sarimanok

Tribute to teachers set

Who will . . .

EUREKA! Queena N. Lee-Chua

Chocolate math solutions

The trick actually works every year, but the current numbers apply only to 2009

Speech training program at UP

Five-step plan on how to avert. . .

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Digital shopping for Atenistas

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Contributor





Spreading smiles for RP education





SIGHT SAVING MONTH

Poor vision may cause low grades



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By Jerry E. Esplanada

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